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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Working of the Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State for the Calendar year 1931.

READ—

Correspondence ending with letter No. Pl. 35-6-32—Enc. 6, dated 9th July 1932, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, forwarding the Report on the working of the Hospitals and Dispensaries in the State, together with the printed copies of the necessary statements for the Calendar year 1931.

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Recorded.

2. *Medical Institutions and the number of patients treated therein.*—The number of medical institutions at the beginning of the year was 372. Five Local Fund and two District Board Dispensaries were opened while five Mahad Improvement Dispensaries were closed during the year under report. The total number of medical institutions working at the close of the year was thus 274. The total number of patients treated in all the above institutions was 34,39,608 against 32,67,831 in the previous year. The number of in-patients was 35,168 against 33,807 in the previous year.

3. The work in all the major institutions in Bangalore and Mysore continued to be satisfactory. The number of out-patients treated in the Victoria Hospital rose from 69,887 in the previous year to 71,712 in the year under review and that in the Krishnarajendra Hospital (inclusive of the Ophthalmic department), from 63,150 to 65,689. The number of in-patients also increased from 4,970 to 5,146 in the Victoria Hospital and from 5,180 to 5,910 in the Krishnarajendra Hospital. Of the cases treated in the Victoria Hospital, the number of in-patients was 5,807 against 4,344 in the previous year. Large increase was also noticeable in the Electro-therapy Department of that Hospital. In the Minto Ophthalmic Hospital, while the number of in-patients

rose from 2,516 in 1930 to 2,623 in the year under review, the number of out-patients fell from 41,579 to 27,574. Seventeen qualified medical men from British India also underwent post-graduate course during the year.

4. *Mental Hospital, Bangalore.*—The total number of persons under treatment in the Mental Hospital during the year was 289 against 311 during the previous year. Of these 69 were paying patients. The total expenditure on the institution showed a decrease of about Rs. 1,024 against the previous year's figure, viz., Rs. 50,550 and the net profit in the cloth manufacturing department amounted to Rs. 58 against Rs. 200 in the previous year. The number of patients treated in the out-patients' department of the Hospital which was opened recently was 99. Government are pleased to note that the out-patient Clinic has been popular and that the benefits of early treatment of mental disorders are being recognised.

5. *Finance.*—The total expenditure of the Department rose from Rs. 14,23,694 in 1930 to Rs. 14,72,522 in the year under report, of which the contributions from District and Municipal Funds amounted to Rs. 2,76,028 and Miscellaneous Receipts made up mainly of fees collected from patients to Rs. 49,396.

6. *Midwives.* There were 274 midwives working during the year against 235 in the previous year. There was a fall in the average number of cases attended to by them from 78 in the previous year to 71 in the year under report. There were 70 pupil midwives undergoing training in the various Maternity Hospitals in the State. Of these, 40 passed during the year and the remaining were still under training.

7. *Leprosy Survey.* Out of 547 inmates of the Leper Asylum, Bangalore, 345 were newly admitted during the year as a result of the itineration work done by the special duty Sub-Assistant Surgeon. A duly trained Sub-Assistant Surgeon was appointed to conduct an intensive leprosy survey in the Bangalore City and he engaged himself in a systematic examination of all the labourers employed in the Mills.

8. *Infantile Billiary Cirrhosis.*—Owing to retrenchments, the investigation of this disease by a Medical Practitioner specially deputed for the purpose has had to be stopped. He was, however, placed in charge of the Local Fund Dispensary at Sagar, which is believed to be an endemic centre so that he might follow up the investigation that he had already made during the previous year. Mr. P. Krishna Rao, Assistant Surgeon, who recently returned from Europe and who had special training there in regard to this disease has also been deputed to make an independent investigation.

9. *Medical Inspection of Schools.*—A scheme for the linking up of the medical inspection of school children with curative agencies was sanctioned by Government during the year. Medical Inspectors in the larger towns are required to take the pupils to the specialists for attention. In smaller towns, the treatment is given on the spot by the inspecting officer himself.

10. *Birth Control Clinics.*—It is reported that these clinics proved of some use in the major institutions of Bangalore and Mysore, but the response by the public has not been marked.

11. *Inspections.*—The Senior Surgeon reports that the Boards of Visitors appointed for Local Fund Dispensaries and District Hospitals did not meet often.

The Senior Surgeon inspected all the major medical institutions and also 98 of the remaining institutions. He also performed 52 important operations during his tours.

12. *General.*—The fees levied for X-Ray examination were revised and a scale of fees for in and out-patients in the District Hospitals has also been prescribed.

A Bill for the Registration of Medical Practitioners in Mysore was passed and necessary action taken for the formation of the First Medical Council. Legislation has also been passed for licensing medical shops and compounders.

A House Surgeoncy was newly sanctioned for the Mental Hospital, which has since been converted into a regular appointment of Clinical Assistant.

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